

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (Currently amended):** An apparatus for applying a
2 substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,
3 comprising:

4 a hearing device comprising two[[an]] outer shells[[shell]]
5 and at least one other member, both shells~~the shell~~ being adapted
6 to a shape of an application area for said device at an
7 individual, [[and]]the shells[[shell]] being exchangeable from
8 said at least one other member remote from said individual; and
9 the substance being provided at an outer[[a]] surface of one of
10 said shells, wherein the other one of said shells lacks the
11 substance[[shell]].

1 **Claim 2 (Canceled)**

1 **Claim 3 (Currently amended):** The apparatus of claim 1
2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through said
3 one of said shells[[shell]] and to the surface of said one of
4 said shells~~the shell~~.

1 **Claim 4 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibioticly active and an

3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is roughened.

1 **Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 7 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is structured.

1 **Claim 8 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 9 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a micro-structured.

1 **Claim 10 Original):** The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 11 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is porous.

1 **Claim 12 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is disposed in pores of the surface.

1 **Claim 13 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the
2 substance is disposed in the pores so as to be slowly dispatched
3 therefrom.

1 **Claim 14 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a gel.

1 **Claim 15 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a liquid.

1 **Claim 16 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a paste.

1 **Claim 17 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is antibiotically active.

1 **Claim 18 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is an antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 19 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a film.

1 **Claim 20 (Currently amended):** A method of applying a
2 substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,
3 comprising the steps of:

4 providing a hearing device comprising ~~a shell~~two outer
5 shells and at least one other member, wherein ~~the shell is~~both
6 shells are adapted to the shape of an application area for the
7 device at an individual, the ~~shell is~~shells being exchangeable
8 from[[on]] said at least one other member, ~~the shell~~one of said
9 shells having the substance on an outer surface thereof, wherein
10 the other one of said shells lacks the substance;

11 applying ~~the shell~~said one of said shells on the other
12 member; and

13 applying said hearing device to an individual.

1 Claim 21 (Currently amended): The method of claim 20[[1]]
2 wherein the surface is roughened, structured, or micro-structured
3 and further comprising the step of applying the substance into
4 interstices of the surface.

1 Claim 22 (Canceled)

1 Claim 23 (Currently amended): The method of claim 20
2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through said
3 one of said shells~~shell~~ and to the surface of said one of said
4 shells~~the shell~~.

1 Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 23 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 25 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 21
2 further comprising the step of removing said one of said
3 shell~~the shell~~ from the other member and applying the other one
4 of said shells~~a new shell~~ on the other member.

1 **Claim 26 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 25
2 wherein the steps of removing said one of said shell~~the shell~~
3 and applying the other one of said shell~~the new shell~~ are
4 performed remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 27 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20
2 further comprising the step of applying the substance to the
3 outer surface of said one of said shell~~the shell~~ remotely from
4 the individual.

1 **Claim 28 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20
2 wherein the step of applying said one of said shell~~the shell~~ on
3 the other member is performed remotely from the individual.